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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONVENE A WORKING  
GROUP TO ASSESS THE VIABILITY OF SAFE PUBLIC ACCESS TO  
HUEHUE LAVA TUBE ON THE ISLAND OF HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, the Huehue lava tube is a large cave that was  
2 formed in 1801 by lava flow from the Hualalai volcano; and  
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4 WHEREAS, the lava tube sits on Department of Transportation  
5 land in Keahole, about two miles north of the Ellison Onizuka  
6 Kona International Airport; and  
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8 WHEREAS, the site is easily visible from the Queen  
9 Kaahumanu Highway and attracts visitors who park illegally along  
10 the side of the roadway; and  
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12 WHEREAS, visitors to the Huehue lava tube are also reported  
13 to engage in other illegal and dangerous behaviors, such as  
14 stopping in the roadway, making illegal U-turns, and attempting  
15 to cross the highway on foot; and  
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17 WHEREAS, in January 2019, the Department of Transportation  
18 attempted to address these concerns by installing no-parking  
19 signs and concrete barriers along relevant parts of the Queen  
20 Kaahumanu Highway and no-trespassing signs at the lava tube's  
21 entrance; and  
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23 WHEREAS, there continue to be safety concerns and community  
24 complaints regarding visitors' behavior on the Queen Kaahumanu  
25 Highway; now, therefore,  
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27 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
28 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of  
29 2019, the Senate concurring, that the Department of



1 Transportation is requested to convene a working group to assess  
2 the viability of safe public access to the Huehue lava tube; and  
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Transportation  
5 or the Director's designee is requested to serve as the working  
6 group's Chairperson and that the following individuals or their  
7 respective designees are invited to be members:  
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9 (1) The Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural  
10 Resources;  
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12 (2) The Administrator of the Division of State Parks of  
13 the Department of Land and Natural Resources;  
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15 (3) The President of the Hawaii Tourism Authority;  
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17 (4) The State Representative and State Senator for the  
18 district;  
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20 (5) The Division Chief of the Traffic Division of the  
21 County of Hawaii Department of Public Works;  
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23 (6) The Chief of the Hawaii Police Department;  
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25 (7) The Chairperson of the Kona Traffic Safety Committee;  
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27 (8) The Executive Director of People's Advocacy for Trails  
28 Hawaii; and  
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30 (9) Any other individual as determined by the Director of  
31 Transportation; and  
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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested  
34 to submit a report of its findings and recommendations,  
35 including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later  
36 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session  
37 of 2020; and  
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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
40 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of  
41 Transportation, Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural  
42 Resources; Administrator of the Division of State Parks of the



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2 Hawaii Tourism Authority; State Representative and State Senator  
3 for the district; Division Chief of the Traffic Division of the  
4 County of Hawaii; Department of Public Works; Chief of the  
5 Hawaii Police Department; Chairperson of the Kona Traffic Safety  
6 Committee; Executive Director of People's Advocacy for Trails  
7 Hawaii.  
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